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NEW I-580 EXPRESS LANES AND IMPROVEMENTS WILL PROVIDE TRAFFIC RELIEF

ALAMEDA COUNTY – The new I-580 express lanes in the Tri-Valley corridor, along with multiple corridor improvements, are now complete and will provide the 200,000 daily commuters long-awaited traffic relief through Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton.

“This project is not only about improving transportation, but stimulating a thriving economy,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “By ensuring that people and freight can better move through this corridor, these improvements are enhancing the vitality of this region.”

The I-580 express lanes, two eastbound and one westbound, are specially designated lanes created to improve the commute for all motorists along the approximately 14-mile Tri-Valley corridor through Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore. Additional corridor improvements include installation of auxiliary lanes, widening of the existing roadway and bridges, pavement rehabilitation and construction of retaining walls.

“We should see immediate congestion relief from these new express lanes,” says Dave Cortese, chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. “These are the types of projects that improve transportation throughout California.”

The express lanes are toll-free for carpools, vanpools, motorcycles, buses and eligible clean air vehicles who have either a FasTrak Flex transponder or a conventional FasTrak transponder. Solo drivers can choose to use the express lanes when there is available capacity by paying a toll using a FasTrak device.

Express lanes are one of the high-tech strategies being implemented in the Bay Area and throughout the country to keep people moving on existing roadways using proven technology, engineering expertise and dynamic pricing. When compared to HOV only lanes, express lanes maximize the efficiency of the entire roadway by offering excess capacity to solo drivers willing to pay a toll. Ultimately, all commuters spend less time in stop-and-start traffic, saving fuel and vehicle maintenance costs.

Toll revenues will be used first to pay for operating and maintaining the express lanes. Remaining funds will be used for additional transportation projects and transit operations along the I-580 corridor, including express buses and other transit service.



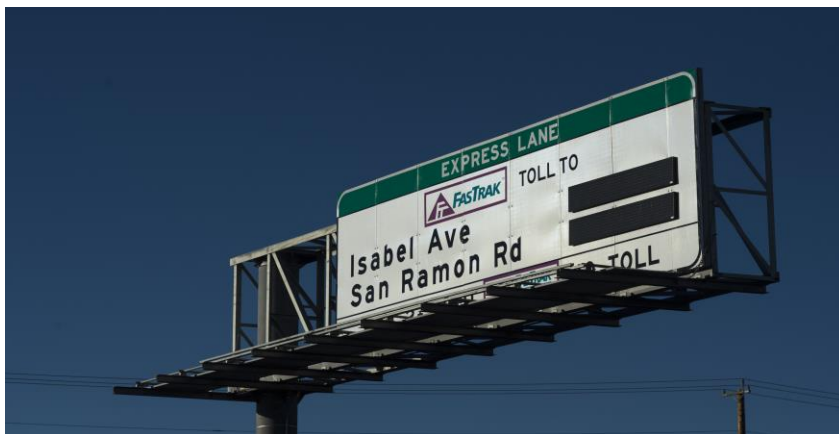


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The \$227 million project received a mix of federal, state and local funding, including \$108 million from Proposition 1B. Since its passage by voters in 2006, more than \$18 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been put to work statewide for transportation purposes.

For project information, go to: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/projects/i580wbhov/>

For FasTrak transponder information, go to: <http://www.alamedactc.org/580express>



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